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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 20, 1966.*

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 193, 83d Congress, as amended, I hereby transmit for the information of the Congress of the United States the 13th Annual Report of the Corregidor-Bataan Memorial Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1966.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON.

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CORREGIDOR-BATAAN MEMORIAL COMMISSION,
Washington, D.C., August 26, 1966.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: This is the 13th Annual Report of the Corregidor-Bataan Memorial Commission required by Public Law 193, 83d Congress, as amended, and covers the period July 1, 1965, to June 30, 1966.

Efforts of the Commission during fiscal year 1966 were devoted to two main tasks dealing with the design of the memorial and the documentary film of the Pacific war.

Memorial design.—It was necessary to make changes in certain details of the memorial in orders to lower its estimated cost. However, the overall design shown in the pictures included in our 12th annual report was not changed. (See H. Doc. No. 229, 89th Cong., 1st sess.). This action became necessary when the contractors' bids received in March 1966 were found to be over by a substantial amount the construction funds available and consequently had to be rejected. In order to increase the probability of a second round of bids coming within the construction funds available the following action was taken by interested groups:

The Philippine National Shrines Commission agreed to install on Corregidor Island certain connecting waterpipes from an existing well to the construction site to provide portable water for the memorial project. A Philippine Navy LSM of 395 tons' capacity will be made available to construction contractors for two round trips per week from Manila to Corregidor Island and an existing resthouse on Corregidor will be turned over to the contractors for use as an onsite office space. These three items will assist materially in lowering the previous estimate of costs and are an indication of the great interest the Philippine Government is taking in the memorial.

The Veterans' Administration and this Commission reexamined the design of the memorial and in cooperation with the design architect effected some changes in detail which result in lowering the former estimated cost by approximately 15 percent.

The Department of the Navy has agreed to carry out the construction phase of the memorial, particularly the negotiating of a realistic contract, in order to obtain optimum pricing agreements on the various parts of the construction project. The Navy, under its laws and regulation, is permitted greater flexibility than the Veterans' Administration in negotiating construction contracts. This action will undoubtedly result in the United States obtaining a greater construction value for the \$1.5 million appropriation.

Construction delay.—The requirement to reject the construction bids received in March 1966 and to issue a revised set of specifications for a second round of bids, has necessitated a new planning schedule. The original date of April 10, 1967, designated for the completion and dedication has been canceled. It now appears that completion of construction may be delayed to June 1968.

Extension of life of Commission.—The change in the planned date of completion and dedication of the memorial to June 1968 requires that the life of the Commission be extended beyond the present expiration date of May 6, 1967, specified in Public Law 88-240. At the request of the Chairman legislation has been introduced in the House (H.R. 13639) by Congressman Armistead I. Selden, Jr., a member of the Commission, to amend Public Law 88-240.

Reappointments of members.—The term of office of Hon. Emmet O'Neal expired on May 8, 1966; that of Mr. Frank Hewlett on May 9, 1966; and that of Mr. John Leims on June 13, 1966. All of these members are reappointed by the President.

Commemorative stamp.—The Postmaster General has been requested to issue an appropriate commemorative stamp for the Pacific war, 1941-45, in honor of the 5 million veterans who served under the American flag in the Pacific area, particularly those who died that victory might be achieved. A suggestion will be made to the Philippine National Shrine Commission that they give consideration to sponsoring a Filipino commemorative stamp.

Documentary film.—The development of a guiding concept for the documentary film of the Pacific war has been completed. Lack of funds may preclude the development of a documentary film commemorating the story of Bataan and Corregidor as was called for by legislation; but it is hoped that the Pacific war documentary film will be historically accurate and will do justice to both the immensity of the forces engaged and the joint war efforts of the Filipino and American people. The film is being prepared by the Department of Agriculture through its Motion Picture Division.

The Commission was grieved by the demise of two prominent members of its advisory group: Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy, who with General of the Army General MacArthur, led our forces to victory in the Pacific war; and Mr. William B. Belknap.

Very respectfully,

EMMET O'NEAL, *Chairman.*

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